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1894-1895

Snow Hill American Legion Hall

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private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: SNOW HILL AMERICAN LEGION

MHT Inventory Number: NO-255

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture, Economic, Social

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1970-1990 INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE

4) Resource Type(s):

1. STANDING STRUCTURE

a. STORE AND FRATERNAL
MEETING ROOM

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. W0-255

Magi No. 2402555611

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common SNOW HILL AMERICAN LEGION HALL

2. Location

street & number 116 Green Street not for publicationcity, town Snow Hill vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> ^x occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> </u> ^x building(s)	<u> </u> ^x private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> ^x commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> ^x yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> ^x not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other: lodge

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The American Legion hall stands at 116 Green Street on the northeast corner of the intersection of Bank and Green streets. The two-story, three-bay brick commercial building faces southeast.

Built in 1894-95, this two-story, rectangular commercial building was laid in five-course common bond with a parapet wall disguising a flat roof. Continuous brick walls extend across two bays of the adjacent Western Auto store, which indicates the five-bay block was erected at one time with two storefronts. The American Legion front has been partially reworked with a brick kneewall below large glass display windows. Directly adjacent to the right display window is a glazed door that provides access to a stair. A Victorian bracketed cornice stretches above the American Legion sign. The second floor is marked by three segmental arched window openings with alternating raised colored bricks. The sash have been replaced. Defining the top of the front wall is a corbelled brick cornice.

The west facade borders Bank Street and the asymmetrical elevation includes a single four-over-four sash window on the first floor along with the remnants of a painted advertisement and two smaller segmental arched openings. The second floor is pierced by four segmental arched openings that have been filled with replacement single-pane sash windows. Interior brick stove stacks pierce the parapet side wall.

The back of the building follows along similar features and the interior of the structure was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

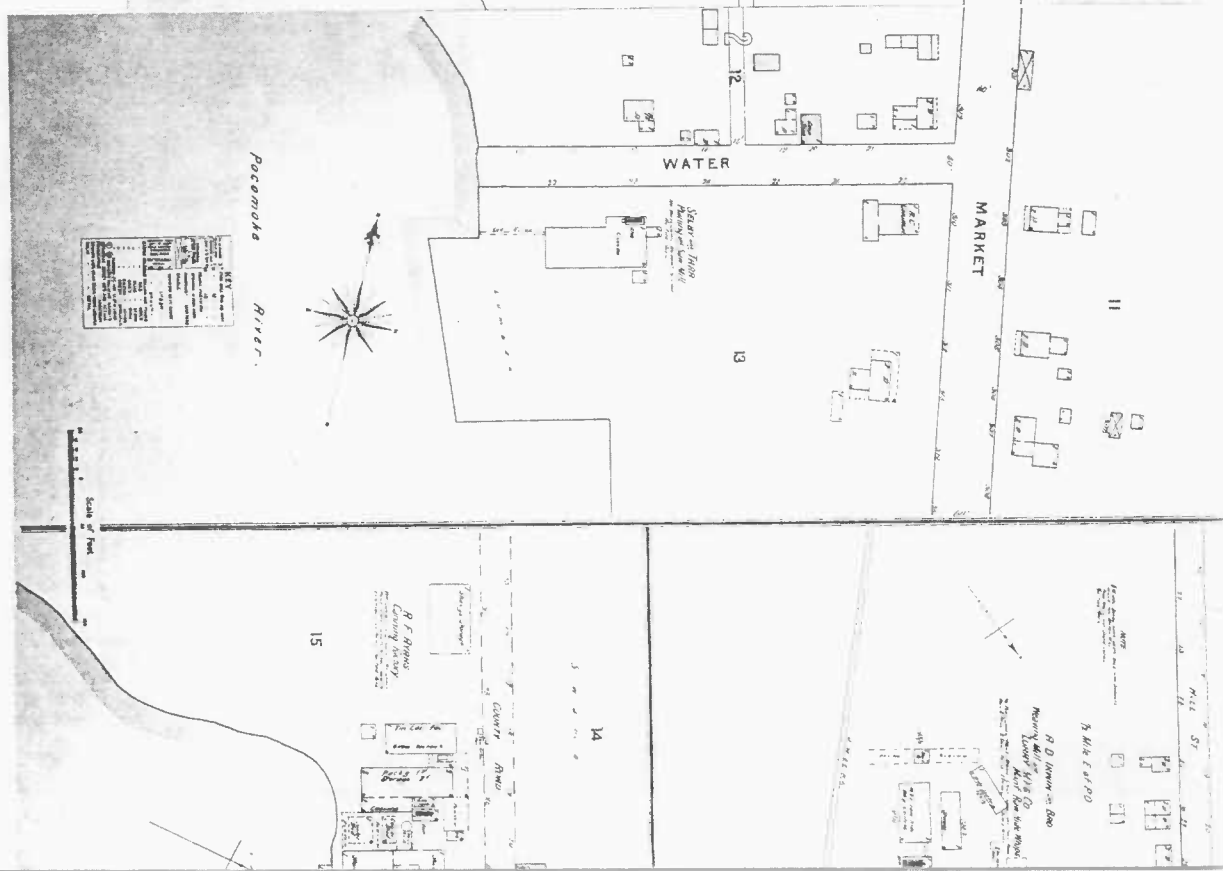
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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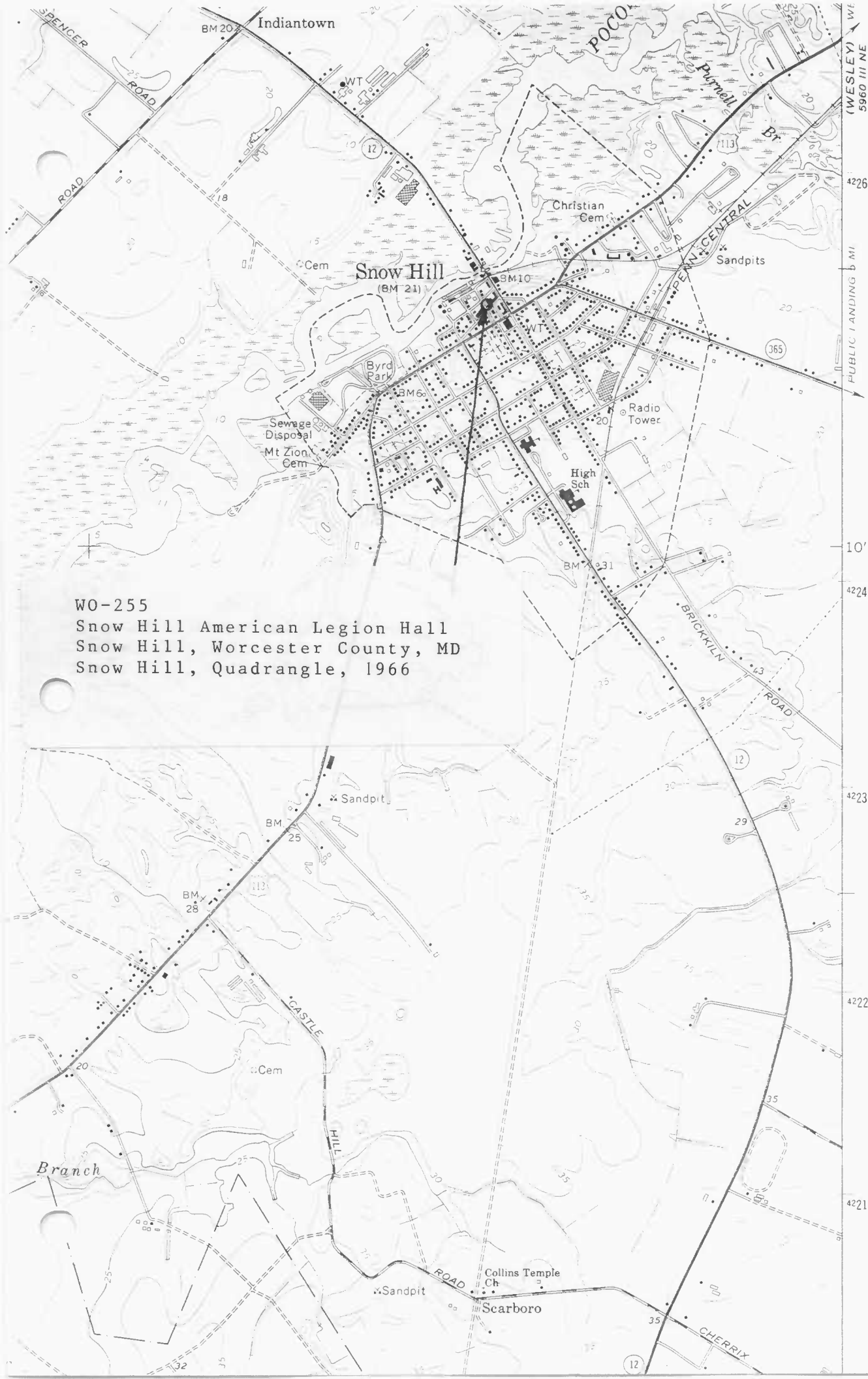
The building is indicated on the 1895 Sanborn Insurance map as a general store.

1877 LACE, GRIFFIN, AND STEVENSON ATLAS



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Snow Hill, Worcester County, MD
Snow Hill, Quadrangle, 1966